

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 10. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the digital content comprises MPEG encoded digital content, and wherein the intra-coded frames comprise I-frames, and wherein the inter-coded frames comprise B-frames and P-frames.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of processing digital video content in a video-on-Demand (VOD) system, wherein the digital video content comprises unencrypted intra-coded frames and inter-coded frames, the method comprising:

 duplicating the unencrypted intra-coded frames;

 selecting a plurality of the unencrypted intra-coded frames for encryption to produce selected frames;

 encrypting the selected frames under a first encryption algorithm to produce first encrypted frames;

 encrypting the duplicates of the unencrypted selected frames under a second encryption algorithm to produce second encrypted frames;

 storing the inter-coded frames in a first file;

 storing the intra-coded frames, whether encrypted under the first encryption algorithm or unencrypted, in a second file; and

 storing the duplicate intra-coded frames, whether encrypted under the second encryption algorithm or unencrypted, in a third file;

sending normal play content to a receiver compatible with the first encryption algorithm by multiplexing content from the first file with content from the second file,

sending trick play content to a receiver compatible with the first encryption algorithm by retrieving content only from the second file;

sending normal play content to a receiver compatible with the second encryption algorithm by multiplexing content from the first file with content from the third file,

sending trick play content to a receiver compatible with the second encryption algorithm by retrieving content only from the third file;

whereby, separate trick play files and multiple encrypted content files are combined.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber terminal for the digital content;

determining whether ~~that~~ the subscriber is enabled for decryption of content under the first encryption algorithm or the second encryption algorithm in order to determine which of the second and third files to use for sending normal play content and trick play content;

~~retrieving the content from the first file and the third file; and sending the content to the subscriber terminal retrieving the content from the first file and the third file; and sending the content to the subscriber terminal.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the content is retrieved from the first and third files in an order of sequential frames in the content for normal play content for a receiver compatible with the second encryption algorithm, and wherein the content is retrieved from the first and second files in an order of sequential frames in the content for normal play content for a receiver compatible with the first encryption algorithm.

15. - 21. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 ~~storage device according to claim 21,~~ wherein the digital content comprises MPEG encoded digital content, and wherein the intra-coded frames comprise I-frames, and wherein the inter-coded frames comprise B-frames and P-frames.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for processing digital video content, wherein the digital video content comprises intra-coded frames and inter-coded frames, the method comprising:

an encryption processor that duplicates the intra-coded frames and selects a plurality of the intra-coded frames for encryption to produce selected frames;

a first encrypter for encrypting the selected frames under a first encryption algorithm to produce first encrypted frames;

a second encrypter for encrypting the duplicates of the selected frames under a second encryption algorithm to produce second encrypted frames;

a file server that stores the inter-coded frames in a first file;

the file server further storing the intra-coded frames, whether encrypted under the first encryption algorithm or unencrypted, in a second file; ~~and~~

the file server further storing the intra-coded frames, whether encrypted under the second encryption algorithm or unencrypted, in a third file;

a session manager that receives a request from a subscriber terminal for the digital content, the session manager further determining whether the subscriber is enabled for decryption of content under the first encryption algorithm or the second encryption algorithm;

a multiplexer operating under control of the session manager, the multiplexer operating to retrieve content from the file server to:

send normal play content to a receiver compatible with the first encryption algorithm by multiplexing content from the first file with content from the second file,

send trick play content to a receiver compatible with the first encryption algorithm by retrieving content only from the second file;

send normal play content to a receiver compatible with the second encryption algorithm by multiplexing content from the first file with content from the third file; and

send trick play content to a receiver compatible with the second encryption algorithm by retrieving content only from the third file; and

a transmitter that sends the content from the multiplexer to the subscriber terminal.

24. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the content is retrieved from the first and third files and the first and second files in an order of sequential frames in the content.

26. – 30. (Cancelled Without Prejudice)

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the digital content comprises MPEG encoded digital content, and wherein the intra-coded frames comprise I-frames, and wherein the inter-coded frames comprise B-frames and P-frames.